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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO  
NOVEMBER 26, 2001 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This Communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement issued November 26, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 26, 2001 Restriction Requirement is due December 26, 2001. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

Claims 46-55 are pending in the subject application. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions as follows:

- I. Claim 46, drawn to a diagnostic method using an antibody bound to a solid support;
- II. Claim 47, drawn to a diagnostic assay involving determining the amount of a nucleic acid having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1;
- III. Claims 48-53, drawn to a diagnostic assay involving hybridizing DNA fragments with a 15-mer oligonucleotide